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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Statewide Orientation Day:

Yesterday provided us the final transition experience in a series of sessions for our incoming Prep children, whilst also giving our current students an opportunity to spend a half day in their 2024 grades. It was pleasing to visit the classrooms and observe how settled and calm our children were, whilst being so engaged with the program throughout. I shouldn't be surprised given how awesome our students are, but it was certainly great to see!

A special mention must also be made to one of our new teachers for 2024, Miss Kylie Ingle. Technically, Kylie is on holidays after having concluded her school year earlier this month at her previous school, but she was so eager to meet her new students and begin forming relationships with them by attending yesterday, helping to ensure the beginning of 2024 is a positive one for all.

### Staffing Update:

To provide a (hopefully final) staffing update to our school community, I am pleased to announce the selection process for identifying a teacher for one day/week in the Grade 5/6 classroom for 2024 has now concluded, with D'Arcy Jones being the successful candidate. D'Arcy is currently teaching part-time at Moe (South Street) Primary School, and she comes to us with a large amount of curriculum knowledge and expertise, including leadership of others. D'Arcy is also currently completing her Masters of Education in language and literacy, with these studies closely aligned to several of our current school improvement initiatives. Given the significant staff shortages in schools as heavily reported in the media at present, we are extremely fortunate to continue to have quality candidates apply to work at our school, with feedback from these applicants reinforcing the positive reputation we have in the education community given our strong performance over previous years.

As previously communicated, this position was advertised following Ben Rilen's successful application to be a Learning Specialist at our school, with this leadership role requiring him to be out of the classroom one day/week to coach other teachers in their instructional practices, allowing our school and staff to continue to be the very best we can be.

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## Congratulations:

In the last 24 hours, I have been informed that several of our previous students have experienced a great deal of success in their VCE studies, with these results being made available earlier in the week. I don't yet have a large amount of specific detail, but I believe James Pettifer received the Dux of Trafalgar High School, and Katherine Hagley also scored extremely highly as well. Congratulations to these young adults, and also to all of our previous students who have completed their studies at their respective secondary schools.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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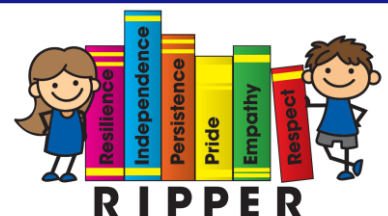
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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

13 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Final day to purchase uniforms from the school
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday	Year 6 Celebration Day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	Year 6 Graduation Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday	Semester 2 Student Reports Sent Home Today
		End of Year Concert – 7:00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4 – Early Dismissal - 1:00pm
2024		
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	Staff First Day Term 1 – Student Free Day
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Students First Day – Term 1

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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Lillie G	For consistently being an independent and persistent learner.
1/2	Vinnie W	For his enthusiasm and dedication to the school garden.
2/3	Henry R	For a great effort and attitude practicing for the concert.
4/5	Thomas W	For displaying leadership qualities whilst working with younger students and for a huge amount of persistence to complete his MAPPEN project while his partner was absent.
5/6	Tom O	For his developing independence across the board. He can be relied upon to complete all tasks given to him.







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**Callignee  
Christmas Carols**

**Friday, 22 December 2023**

**Callignee Hall – 7.00pm**

Please join us and sing Christmas carols

**\*\*Supper!** (Welcome to bring a plate)

**\*\*Door prizes!**

**\*\*Prizes for kids - Christmas costume!**

**In the spirit of Christmas, we ask guests for a small donation please, to support the local 'Community Friends account', helping those in need - thankyou!**

Queries: Sarah 0428 205 596/Di 0438 384 178

**First in best dressed!**

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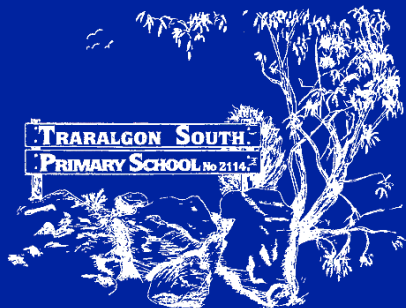
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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!



**LATROBE  
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**Latrobe Leisure has got you  
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View more information about the Latrobe  
Leisure School Holiday Program and register  
for activities using the QR code.



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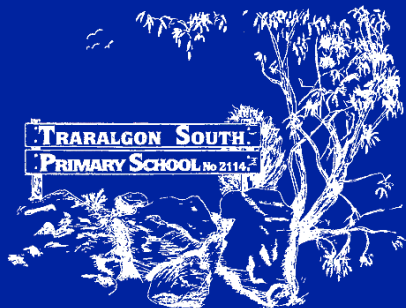
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**LATROBE LEISURE  
MORWELL**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPEN DAY

Latrobe Leisure has got you  
covered this school holidays



**WED 24 JAN**

**\$5 per person  
\$10 family**

(incl. entry to pool all day)

**Cafe open on the day.  
No bookings required.**

10.30am **Basketball and  
dodgeball games  
and activities**  
Courts 1, 2 and 3

11am **Arts and Crafts**

11.30am **FREE sausage  
sizzle and fruit**

12.30pm **Sporting activities  
and indoor soccer  
games**  
Courts 1, 2 and 3

**Storytime  
in the pool**

1pm **Otto Inflatable**  
LTS students  
FREE entry

1.30pm **Kids Aqua Moves**  
ages 6-10yrs  
Toddler Pool  
(45mins)



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Enjoy these school holidays at Latrobe Leisure!

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## ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

\$2 Basketball shots  
All Leisure Centres

\$2 Swim  
Churchill Leisure Centre



### MON 8 – FRI 19 JAN

**Holidays Swim Program**  
Moe/Newborough, Morwell  
and Churchill Leisure

Mondays to Fridays

### MON 8 JAN

**10am – 4pm**  
(5 to 12 years)

**Phoenix Heartland Hoops**  
Gippsland Regional  
Indoor Sports Stadium

Variety of all-inclusive basketball  
programs to encourage  
participation  
in the sport and promote healthy  
physical activity.

Register at:  
[semphoenix.com.au](http://semphoenix.com.au)

### TUE 9 JAN

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**Active Games, Circuits & Skills**  
Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Bookings required.

### FRI 12 JAN

**1pm – 3pm**

**Otto Inflatable**  
Morwell Leisure  
\$5 per person  
LTS students FREE entry

### TUE 16 JAN

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**Active Games, Circuits & Skills**  
Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Bookings required.

### WED 17 JAN

**10.30am – 11.30am**  
(5 to 8 years)

**11.45am – 12.45pm**  
(9 to 12 years)

**Ninja Warriors**  
Gippsland Regional  
Indoor Sports Stadium

Bookings required.  
Book through Eventbrite.

### THU 18 JAN

**11am – 12noon**  
(5 to 8 years)

**12.15pm – 1.15pm**  
(9 to 12 years)

**Ninja Warriors**  
Gippsland Regional  
Indoor Sports Stadium

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### FRI 19 JAN

**1pm – 3pm**

**Otto Inflatable**  
Morwell Leisure  
\$5 per person  
LTS students FREE entry

### TUE 23 JAN

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**Active Games, Circuits & Skills**  
Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Bookings required.

**10am – 2pm**  
(5 to 12 years)

**Gippsland United  
Holiday Clinic**  
Gippsland Regional  
Indoor Sports Stadium  
Enquire through GRISS.

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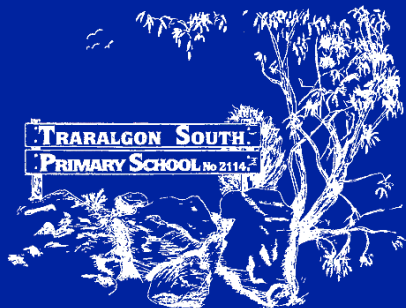
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